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1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 BELOW THE TEXT OF SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE BROWN'S MARCH 24, 1977 LETTER TO THE MINISTERS OF
DEFENSE OF THE F-16 EUROPEAN PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
IN EXAMINING THE PROBLEM OF F-16 FUNDING, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE
FOUND AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF REDUCING THE 1977 AND 1978 PAYMENTS.
BY LOWERING THE PAYMENTS SCHEDULE TO THE CONTRACTORS'
PAYMENT LEVEL, IT IS BELIEVED THE CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS CAN BE
REDUCED BY 17 PERCENT THROUGH 1978.

IN ADDITION, GENERAL DYNAMICS AND PRATT AND WHITNEY HAVE
INDICATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE US DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGENCY
A WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN FINANCING LATER SHORTFALLS IN
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OUTLAY REQUIREMENTS. SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PREDICATED ON PROPER
LEGAL PROTECTION IN CASE OF TERMINATION AND THE WILLINGNESS
OF THE GOVERNMENTS AVAILING THEMSELVES OF SUCH FINANCING TO PAY
THE FINANCING COST. DETAILS AS TO THE AMOUNT AND TERMS OF
SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.
END TEXT. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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